## QUERIES & ANSWERS.

THE FAMOUS RACE BETWEEN . STEAMERS LEE AND NATCHEZ.

## DIMENSIONS OF THE GREAT EASTERN

sopreme Court Decision on the Pence Law-Receipt for a Lady's press-Personnel of Our Navy-

to the Editor of the Dispatch: to let me know through the Query what two men have represented

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to the Editor of the Dispatch:

a fact that the majority of men the United States navy Please answer YOUR SUBSCRIBER. we cannot say that a "majority" are,

sat certainly many of them are foreign-Mary Anderson.

Editor of the Dispatch: kindly tell me when was the

Receipt for a Lady's Dress.

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Discount Rate.

Alleged License Case.

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pany and its agents, with which the

Some Kind of Clover.

What is the plant I enclose herein? It

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to the Editor of the Dispatch:

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To the Editor of the Dispatch:

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To the Editor of the Dispatch:

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I know that the earth exists—
It is none of my business why;
I cannot find out
What it is all about.
I would but waste time to try.
My life is a brief, brief thing—
I am here for a little space;
But while I stay
I would like, if I may,
To brighten and better the place. Mary Anderson, the actress, Richmond, and what she play-X. Y. Z. a unable to answer our corres-. The labor of searching through is greater than we can under-

The trouble I ween with us all
Is the lack of a high conceit;
If each man thought
He was sent to the spot
To make it a bit more sweet,
How soon we would gladden the world;
How easily right all wrong
If nobody shirked
And each one worked
To help his fellows along. mn next Sunday, and oblige. L. P. by the pearls of refinement; the

ain Christianity; your breastgirdle be simplicity with els of good humor. Let your

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and some other worth, are Scotland. Printed in the year 16il."

The number for April completes the first volume, and with it is furnished a very complete index which makes the twelve Nos, readily available for referspecimen in the letter. Question of a Mill Dam. the Editor of the Dispatch: ave a mill, situated on a small creek disa county. This mill is fed by from a mill-pond, the back-water ch extends beyond my own lands e lands contiguous. I would state damages were assessed and paid and lands. Is there any law to promy rights as to the fish in the aid as far up the stream as the back extends? Please reply in "Quesand Answer column" of your paper

virtue of section 1354 of Code, a granted leave to erect a dam, chapter 61 of the Code "becomes in fee simple of the land circumd by the commissioners," when damages assessed are paid, and, quently, any person going upon the Faler covering such land without leave the owner is a trespasser, and liable the Natchez. They lodged them like Enquirer: race between the steamers Robert

The Race Between the Lee and

se and Natchez, from New Orleans is St. Louis, was run in the year 1870. both boats leaving the starting-point at by the same hour on the evening of 24h. The time of the Lee was , 18 hours, and 26 minutes, and that Natchez, 4 days and 41 minutes. between the cities being 1,252

t ever took place on the Mississippi er, and, while there was no money agened by the owners of the boats, it s callmated at the time that over \$100,changed hands on the result among admirers of the rival packets in the Mississippi Valley. The Lee was owned and commanded by the late Captain an W. Cannon, and the Natchez by the late Captain Thomas P. Leathers.

Fence Law Case.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: Your paper is considered an encycle or this section, and therefore your the fence-law, in which you claimed the Supreme Court has never laid to be explained by mere words and an

down what constitutes a line between two parties' lands. Now, lay aside local laws, fence or no fence. If you will investigate further, you will find the high-east court has given the opinion (whether in a trespass case or not, I don't know), that the line as marked by the surveyor's chain is the boundary-line between two parties' lands. Will you give it as your opinion that no such law exists in this State?

It is common-law and common serves

It is common-law and common-sense that such should be the case. Has it not been a principle of common-law from time to time immemorial that the point where their lands join is the line, and each one may use his discretion as to making a fence?

As I understand it all other laws.

As I understand it, all other laws are local, and are for the convenience of neighborhoods who wish it.

Will you be kind enough to trouble yourself and give us the facts as the law has them?

NO FENCE. Ozeana, Va.

After diligent enquiries, we can learn of no decision of our Supreme Court of Appeals bearing upon this question. It any one knows of such a decision and will give the title thereof, we'll undertake to publish a synopsis of it.

Why and Wherefore.

I know not whence I came,
I know not whither I go,
But the fact stands clear,
That I am here
In this world of pleasure and woe,
And out of the mist and murk
Another truth shines plain—
It is in my power,
Each day and hour,
To add to its joy or its pain.

I know that the earth exists-

Rise up to-day
In your pride and say:
"I am part of the first great cause,
However full the world,
There is room for an earnest man!
It had need of me

I am here to strengthen the plan." To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Notice to Correspondents.

No notice will be taken of anonymous

will be given to the letters of those cor-

and poems without the permission of the

"strings" of questions. Every week numbers of correspondents ignore this rule of ours, and afterwards wonder why

cause similar ones have been recently answered.

write to some dealer in them.

AMERICAN COLONIAL TRACTS, MONTHLY. Published by George P. Humphrey, Rochester, N. Y. No. 11, for March, 1838: "New England's Plantation; or, a Short and True De-scription of the Commodities and Discommodities of that Country. Written by a reverend divine now there resident. London: Printed by T. C. & R. C., for

London: Frinted by T. C. & R. C., for Michael Sparke, dwelling at the Sign of the Blue Bible, in Green Arbor, in the Little Old Balley. 1630." No. 12, for April, 1898: "A Petition of W. C., Exhibited to the High Court of Parliament Now Assembled, for the Propaga tion of the Gospel in America and the West Indies, and for the Setting of Our Plantations There; Which Petition is Approved by Seventy Able English Divines; also, by Master Alexander Henderson and Some Other Worthy Ministers of

ence purposes. Of the twelve Nos. con-stituting the first volume, five relate di-rectly to the Colony of Virginia, four to Georgia, one each to South Carolina and ew England, and one to the spread of the Gospel in the Colonies generally. The following extracts form the April No. the tract written by William Castell parson of Courtenhall, in the county of Northampton, and dlocese of Peter-borough, may be worth reprinting during these times of war with Spain: "The Spaniard boasteth much of what he hath parson of Courtenhall, in the county of done in this kind, but their own authors report their un-Christian behavior, es-pecially their monstrous cruelties to be such as they caused the infidels to detest the name of Christ. Your wisdoms may judge of the lion by his claw. In their islands, called Hispaniola, one of their islands, called Hispaniola, of 200,000 men, as Benzo, in his Italian history, affirmeth, they had not left 150 souls. The Lipsius justly complaineth that wheresoever they came they cut down men as they did corn, without any compassion. And as for those who survived, they bought their lives at dear rates, for they put them to bear their carriages from place to place, and if they failed by the way, they either misthey failed by the way, they either mis-erably dismembered or killed them outbeasts under the planks of their ships, till their flesh rotted from their backs; and if any failed in the full performance of their tasks, he was sure to be whipped ill his body, distilled with gore blood. and then poured they in either molten pitch or scalding oil to supple them. And in case the Spaniard will be trouble-some to our plantations, or shall, as it is generally conceived, be found an enemy

o this kingdom, there is no way more likely to secure England than by having a strong navy there, whereby we may come to share, if not utterly to defeat him of that vast Indian treasure wherewith he setteth on fire a great part of the Christian world, corrupteth many counsellors of State," &c.

The announcements for the second volume include Captain John Smith's New England Trials and "several tracts on Virginia." MUSIC-HOW IT CAMB AND WHAT

MUSIC-HOW IT CAMB AND WHAT
IT 18. By Hannah Smith. Illustrated.
New York: Charles Scribner's Sons.
254 pages. Price, \$1.25.
The author says in her preface that
"this book is founded on various courses
of lectures which the writer has given
during the past few years. Something
has been added and something omitted.
What could easily be made clear by
practical musical illustrations has had
to be explained by mere words and an

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#### "A Catarrhal Sore."

It discharged and was, of course, very annoying as well as painful. Sometimes it was as large as a half dollar, and it was wife is exactly as stated in my daughter's necessary to keep it bandaged and pro- letter above. Joseph STOKES, tected most of the time. About two years ago the sore seemed to be spreading over her face, and was larger than when the Who writes the following, is a leading Boston physician removed it. There is no question but that its origin was in

The Scrofulous Humor

with which my mother has always been

No man is more favorably known, sore was diminishing in size and was bein and about Epping, N. H., than Mr. coming less troublesome. This encour-Joseph Stokes, the husband of the aged her to continue the use of Hood's

#### Her Face Is Well.

The sore has entirely disappeared, leaving not a scar, but only a slight mark, which we think may in time totally disappear. It is such a comfort to her and such a joy my mother has been seriously troubled to the rest of the family that we feel inby a sore on her nose. For some time we debted more than we can express, to thought it of a cancerous nature, and it Hood's Sarsaparilla, that she has been was removed three times. A physician in cured after twenty years of suffering."

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This most valuable magazine, which never fails to impart information, even to its most cultured readers, contains, in this month's No. a valuable series of articles on current events, and important questions of literary interest. Its contents are as follows: Guatemala, Historical and Picturesque

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BRISTOL PARISH, VIRGINIA, 1720-

Mr. Churchill Gibson Chamberlayne, of this city, announces that the above work is in press, and will shortly be ready for delivery. In addition to the vestry proceedings for the period stated, it includes a register of births, haptisms, and burials, the earliest dated in 1685 and the latest in 1798, a record of more than 700 separate families residing in the territory embracing now the city of Petersburg and portions of the counties of Prince George, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Powhatan, Amelia, and Nottoway.

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sublished for subscribers at \$3, and the price for all copies not subscribed for be-fore publication will be advanced to \$5. Don't forget your friend-Elastic Starch.

Pearl-Divers. (The Observations of a Philosophical

Friend of Ours.) merchantman, seeking

pearls, is the type of the best of our The greater part of mankind spend their time looking for the gratifications of their common appetites and passions-of the earth earthly. Their only discrimination and judgment is in their palates, in the capacity of their paunches, and the sensual pleasure they derive from things. The man who knows what is beautiful and valuable, and earnestly seeks it, refusing the worthless and indifferent and ugly, and at any cost obtaining the best, is of a high style.

Pearls are very beautiful and valuable, and, like gold, they are made to stand for all things that are most desirable. Merchants pay great prices for them, and divers hazard their lives and dive down into the lowest depths of the ocean to get them. Both show how and on what conditions things pure, lovely, and of great account are to be had. And men are constantly seen giving up their health and strength, their time and labor, body and soul and spirit in their struggle to obtain their pearls of great price, such as fortune, reputation, the object of any all-controlling appetite or object of any all-controlling app struggle to obtain their pearls of great passion; the higher the more honorable. It is these pearl-divers that go down in the dark and unknown deeps, the lowest levels, that are particularly interesting. It is down there in the waters that the pearls are found. It is down in the depths of the earth that the priceless gems are found. It is down there, covered up with clay, locked up in quartz, that gold is found. Those depths, courageous, devoted, intelligent manhood, that knows excellent things and dares to acknowledge them and centend for them, explores. The judgment that has been enlightened by a familiarity with the best readily recognizes goodness any-

where. There are pearl-divers in the world of a higher dignity than those that seek the gems in the Eastern seas. The great ocean of the world has its gems of purest ray serene hid down on its bottom. And the noblest heroes and heroines of humanity are those that brave all dangers to find and bring to the light those valuables. They seek and save that which is counted as lost. No pearl is comparable to a human soul. And the immediate jewel of the human soul is its self-respect and conscious divineness. What a pearl-diver is he who can recognize, brighten, and bring to light these

Not only are there pearl-divers in the bottom strata of society, but there are beautiful pearl-divers in the depths of human hearts. There are those who will not take men and women as mere sen-sualists, as only common-place, mere animals. They believe that there are divine gems in the depths of every hu-man heart, of which so many are vaguely conscious, but whose light at times makes itself known through the roughest and most forbidding outside. Honest kindness reaches those depths; and the great God goes down there. What invaluable pearls are found hid in kindly go down there. And what an norable office is it to bring these bril-nts up for common use! The gold of liants up for common use! The gold of humanity pays for the mining. From the chaff and ruln of the time, how much

the chaff and ruln of the time, now have true honor may be picked!

Our age is mining not only for gold and silver, but for everything. It is evaluring the darkest recesses, the exploring the darkest recesses, the closest, deepest depths of nature, to find and unfold her secrets. Our pearl-divers know no depths too profound, and the life of our day gifters with revealed natural law. Gems and pure ore of truth are dived for and mined for by the pearl-divers and miners in all pursuits. Alchemists in the physical world are almost relegated to lunatic asylums; and yet men are found to claim to make gold. The intellectual world is full of alchemists who are not content to mine for the gold of truth where God has stored it for them, and dig for it in His quarries. These will make golden ore of truth out of air, of lide words, of vain philosophy, of human inventions and discoveries. They are twin brothers of those who would reduce air to a solid turn the solid into gold. multitude of ologies they give us to pass

for divine truth!

The hope of humanity is in the prayer of the Saviour: "Sanctify them through Thy truta. Thy Word is truth." Humanity is being turned into gold by the spirit of Heaven, as is written by the prophet: "I will make a man more precious than gold, even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir." for divine truth!

Use Elastic Starch in your laundry.

ED TO FIGHT SPAIN.

BUT HE HEARS MUCH ON THE SUBJECT

ture Forbids His Enlisting-Comments on J. Gordon Coogler, the Great South Carolina Poet.

Sometyears ago, when money was as

scarce at my house as the famous hens' teeth, about which we hear so much, I

was forced to go to the World's Fair just

to keep people from talking to me about the exposition. Every man who went to Chicage made it a point to hunt me up and pour the hackneyed story of his adventures into my unwilling but helpless ears. And now it looks as if I must go to Cuba, not in defence of my country, but in self-defence. The subject of war and enlisting has gotten to be an eternal nightmare that haunts me whithersoever I direct my tiny footsteps. There is no escape from the evil. People six blocks off wildly call me to them, and then, when with tongue hanging out of my mouth I ask their business, they enquire if I've joined the military. On the street-cars I can always count upon finding an acquaintance who will jocosely seek to know if I've gotten my gun or kissed the baby good-by. In fact, 'most everybody tries to be funny about the war, and if we were compelled to recruit entirely from folk who consider themselves humorists I believe the Union could make a splendid showing, and then, too, nobody would regret their deaths in case they were killed in battle. And so, in tender consideration of all these difficulties, I recently made up my mind that when the tocsin sounded and the big bass drum boomed up our patriotism I should be one of those to march away and bleed for this great hunk of dirt we call our country. The determination was only reached, however, after I had read many statistics on the subject of mortality in battle, and had been informed that for every man killed at least seven pounds of lead are shot away. I fully convinced myself that it would be the other fellow who would get hurt, and that in his last hours I would be intensely sympathetic to him and would willingly carry back a bushel of messages to his poor old mother. I likewise pictured some narrow escapes I would have and the splendid escapes I would have and the speaks material for drugstore reminiscences that I would gather. But through all these musings I declined to see myself wounded and lying flat of my back, with my socks showing and ants crawling over my pallid face. It was the other fellow who always appeared in this fix-the fellow who can count on my sympathy and trust me to deliver all messages and tokens to weeping relatives. Had I imagined for an instant that I would be a victim of the seven pounds of lend above alluded to you may rest assured that history would never have had the slightest chance of making my acquaint-

The good lady who superintends the manufacture of pies at my house, and who (behind her back) has heretofore been known as the Commander-in-Chief, been known as the Commander-in-Chlef, takes very little interest in war. She has battles of her own to fight, and right well does she do her duty, too. This is the season at which the baby laid aside his long dresses, and consequently the supply of short ones handed down by his fraternal predecessors had to be patched up and otherwise fitted for service. Con-sequently, when the Commander-in-Chief finished her work she had no time for newspaper reading, save the death no tices and advertisements. And so, when I decided to enlist, I quite overlooked her, nor did I stop to think what she would say on the subject. Just about the Or would she say anything? There are times when her silence is worse than words! Suppose she tried sarcasm on me; suppose—oh! infinitely the worst of

all-she tried tears. I reflected on the ordeal that awaited me I became more and more nervous, and I had that sneaky feeling which I used to experience as a boy when I stood in the presence of a policeman. For days I postponed telling about my proposed invasion of the pearl of Antilles, but all the time something kept warning me that I had better out with it. One evening I determined to make the

"Now that the President has called for troops I suppose I'll have to go to Cuba with the rest of the boys," I timidly remarked, with a Frave attempt to appear careless.

At first she pretended not to hear-always an ominous sign-and then she said lightly:

'What's that for?" "What's that for "Why, to fight the Spaniards, of course," said I, trying to look patriotic, but already noting that the wind was blowing the wrong way.
"And what have the Spaniards done to

"And what have the Spaniards done to us?" she next inquired. I couldn't exactly answer that question myself, but I said something about the Maine, and then I added that nearly all of the "boys" from Richmond were going. "In fact," I continued, "there's no getting out of it. When the Governor and the President issue such a call, that means business."

means business."
Then, with four wags of the tongue and asserted her sublime su-premacy by the simple but firm remark; You are not going."
I didn't need any further assurance of

I didn't need any further assurance of the fact that she was opposed to the scheme, but she followed up her assertion with a few attacks upon my character. "You're a pretty looking thing to go to Cuba, ain't you? with a wife, and goodness knows how many children a-hanging around, and barely getting enough to eat as it is. Now, wouldn't you cut a nice figure skylarking around with soldier clothes on and trying to shoot people. Why, I can't get you to kill so much as a cockroach here at kill so much as a cockroach here at home, and last week when that mouse ran up your pants you nearly had spasms. So you want to fight, do you? Well, this is sudden. During the last war they never could get you off the farm till the girls in the neighborhood sent you a hoopskirt, and the boys who had come home with wounds nick-named sent you a hoopskirt, and the boys who had come home with wounds nick-named you 'Miss Abagail.' One thing is certain—if you go to war, I'm going with you, and so is the baby, and so are all the other children. Without me you wouldn't be able to find your nose on your face, and ten to one you wouldn't know your night-shirt from your cuffs." know your night-shirt from your cuffs. And she snapped her fingers in defiance of President McKinley, and pooh-poohed the authority of all who opposed her sovereign will.

sovereign will.

If I go to war in the face of all these obstacles, it will be for one reason, and one alone—the fear of the people who would talk me to death and tell me of their adventures upon their return. Notice the state of the people who would talk me to death and tell me of their adventures upon their return. thing short of this would prompt me to take my establishment to Cuba, and it's pretty evident that I cannot go withou the whole shooting-match. The man who has lived this long with

The man who has lived this long with-out reading that little green book called "Purely Original Verse," by J. Gordon Coogler, of Columbia, S. C., may well consider that a part of his life has been wasted, and that until he procures the volume there will be in his existence a gap that no putty can fill. Mr. Coogler, in the introduction to his book. savs: "My

style and my sentiments are MY OWN, purely original," and then, after commenting on the press notices he has received, he quotes some thirty pages of book reviews, etc., wherein he is lauded to the skies. In sooth, there isn't a man in the country who has been more noticed by the literary critics than this same Palmetto State Coogler, and verily he is literally buried under the bouquets hursed at him by an admiring public.

It is unreasonable, in these days of business competition and civic turmoil, to expect the general public to keep thoroughly abreast of modern literature, but there are some works that should not—nay, must not—go unread. And of such are the Cooglerian poems, whose rippling

are the Cooglerian poems, whose rippling cadence has lulled the bookish world

into a dreamy state of esctatic bliss.

Mr. Coogler is not the man to let others have a finger in his pie. His poems are not only entirely his own, but what is more, they have been re-vised, illustrated, and printed by the author. While Kipling and Riley and Stanton and Page well have reason to blush at the superiority of this metrical opponent of theirs, candor compels me to opponent of theirs, candor compels me to say that the Cooglerian illustrations, while grand in their way, have not the beauty of Gibson's sketches nor yet the touch of nature that has brought fame to Frost. But why expect all things in one man? Poets are born, not made, and they can neither be turned out in job lots nor put on the market without blemish. While Charles Dana Gibson cannot sign his own sign-at least, not legibly-he can, perhaps, beat Coogler sketching, but where, oh! where, is the individual who would assume superiority over Coogler as a poet? And yet ever this great man has had his detractors, though truly the following Cooglerian swipe is well calculated to have rid the earth of their presence:

Oh, you domestic critics, who always But cannot e'en compose a readable

letter. I defy you, with all your self-blown To write a decent line of verse-or

make mine better."

Nature, woman, flowers, and love are mainly the themes of this siren voice the palmetto groves, but at times one hears a more didactic strain, and, grasping the profound significance thereof, resolves to lead a better life-to do or to die. Carry the following always with you, O gentle reader, "e'en" as you do that horse-chestnut, which wards off rheumatism:

"Oh, character! thou ever art
An holy and an honor'd thing;
More valuable than life itself, More costly than a diamond ring."

When Coogler gets down to business when Coogler gets about the key what he thinks, and he thinks what he darn pleases. Coogler calls a spade a spade—he does—and when he spade a spade—he does—and when he spade a spade—he does—and when he spade—he does—and when h wishes to point a moral or adorn a tale he doesn't go searching through dictionaries for paddings and frills so as to make the blow hit easy. Not Coogler; he hits straight from the shoulder. Mark this warning that he sounds:

"You may as well try to change the of yonder sun

To North and South,
As to try to subdue by criticism This heart of verse, Or close this mouth."

Gay Lotharios should likewise note the following and shudder:

All Heaven has no water soft enough, Nor earth no cleansing soap, That can wash the crimson from the

That destroys a woman's hope." Success makes a fool of many a man, and the poet Horace, in concluding his works, even went so far as to state that by his skill he had erected a monument more lasting than bronze, which neither the flight of ages nor the tooth of time could destroy. But not so with our own J. Gordon Coogler. "Fen" though the laurels are his, and his brows are wreathed with ivy, we may say, in the language of the base-ball umpire, that success has "never touched him." But witness the never touched him." ooet's own statement along this line. On being asked by a young lady, just after a renowned northern journal had given his works a complimentary review, if his ring in the ears of posterity long after yet unborn generations of canaries have

turned up their little toes and dled: "You'll never see this head too large for

my hat,
You may watch it and feel it as oft as
you choose;
But you'll learn, as millions of people have learned.

Of my character and name thro' my innocent muse.

You'll never see this form clad in gaudy Nor these feet playing the 'dude' in patent-leather shoes; But your children's children will some

day read Some pleasant quotations from my innocent muse." Would that I could place my hand in

would that I could place my hand in that of the immortal Coogler and follow him through the green pastures and fragrant fields which he so feelingly describes. But there is a limit on human happiness, and I must lay the little green back saids. Should the scale saids. book aside. Should the eagle eye of the great bard fall on this feeble, flickering effort, I beg that he will accept it as an numble offering from an ardent admirer.

THE IDLE REPORTER.

Notwithstanding the anti-Semitic feeling in Paris, many great families in France are connected with Jews in marriage. Prince de Wagman married a riage. Prince de Wagman married a Miss Rothschild, and the Prince de Ligne another; the Duchess de Gramont was a Miss Rothschild. One of the Furtado-Heines married the Duc de Rivoli, and Heines married the Duc de Rivoli, and another Prince Murat. The Duchess de Richelieu and the Duchess d'Elchinger were Jewesses. The two Misses Cohen, of Antwerp, married the Marquis de Talley and the Prince de Lucinge Francigny, respectively. The daughters of Oppenheimer married in the aristogracy. The Duchess de Castrica and the cracy. The Duchess de Castrier and the Comtess d'Harcourt were the Misses Sina. Miss Haber married the Me is de Grouchy, Miss Lowenheim the Fitz-James, and Miss Mires is 1.

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#### A NEW IMPETUS TO THE INDUSTRY.

The People Have Learned Much About Fruit-Raising-Homes for Friendless Children-Shipments of Coal from the Pocahontas Mines.

BEDFORD CITY, VA., May 7 .- (Special.)-Professor W. B. Alwood, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, at Blacksburg, was here this week. He is making a tour of investigation of the fruit conditions of the county in regard to the existence of the San Jose scale and other liseases that attack the trees. He states that under the auspices of the Department of Pomology of that institution, a new impetus has been given this import-ant industry, wherein by the exercise of intelligent principles of cultivation there has been an increase of 100 per cent, with-in the part flye, years in fruit culture.

has been an increase of 100 per cent. Within the past five years in fruit culture, and a marked change has taken place in the quality of the fruit produced.

Some time ago the grape disease prevailed to so great an extent that the cultivation of the vine was much limited. Now, by the application of remedies which are so simple that any grower may avail himself of them, the disease has become almost eradicated. FRUIT RAISING.

During the past year Virginia exported 290,000 harrels of apples, which does not include those shipped in bulk. Of these the greater portion was shipped to foreign markets. This year, the Professor thinks, the yield will be small—not more than sufficient for home consumption— due to the damage caused by the heavy frosts some weeks since.

To arrive at exact statistics of fruit shipments, blank forms will be furnished the railroads by the department, whereon will be taken down the number of barrels and crates shipped, the kinds of fruit, variety and quality. Blanks will also be furnished the farmers for the purpose of noting the geological formation of the land and the varieties of fruit best suited to each section. frosts some weeks since.

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The work of agriculture and pomology will thus be made a more certain industry than in the past, when it was more experimental than scientific.

On Thursday afternoon there was a very severe electric-storm, accompanied by hall and rain that fell in torrents, fooding the streets with a tawny stream

by hall and rain that fell in torrents, flooding the streets with a tawny stream that covered them. There was a rapid fall in the temperature from the pleasant warmth of the past week.

In the neighborhood of Big Island the storm was more severe. The hall for a radius of ten miles pelted down in great force, and the stones were of considerable size. It has not been learned whether much damage was done to the growing crops.

Vegetation is now in a state of much luxuriance, and farming operations are progressing satisfactorily. The wheat

progressing Satisfactory promises a fine yield.

The sale of revenue-stamps at this office, of which Mr. J. M. Daniel is deputy collector, seems each month to deputy collector, seems each month to be increasing. That for April was the largest in its history, amounting to \$12,-201.46, and being a considerable increase over the receipts of March, which were

\$8,181.03. HOMES FOR CHILDREN.

HOMES FOR CHILDREN.

Mrs. Julia E. Work, of Laporte, Ind., was here again this week, bringing ten children from the Orphan Home, for whom she secured homes in ramilies among persons in the county. A short time ago she came with seven little ones, some not yet 6 years of age, all of whom were taken into families. Most of them are attractive, well-behaved children, who have made excellent impressions upon those who have taken them. Their advent upon the arena of life to earn a livelihood touches a tender chord in the heart, and in most instances will insure kind treatment and something of tenkind treatment and something of ten-

Perhaps the introduction of this new Perhaps the introduction of this assetelement from the West may prove somewhat of a solution of the problem of domestic service, which is now becoming such a vexed and serious question to shousekeepers. Very few of the old, well-trained servants of the past regime now remain. The two contention most of remain. The new generation, most of whom are without training in domestic service, and unwilling to be taught, impatient of restriction and the present regulations, either go North or decline service. Thus the question of "servant-galism" has become more difficult than a problem in Euclid or the interpretation of Browning.

f Browning.
The transportation of coal through this The transportation of coal through this place is still a subject of much interest and speculation as to the quantities that are daily carried by, which seem a sort of connecting link with the war, since it is intended for the use of the navy, upon which now rests the honor and glory of the nation.

An average of we cars is daily shipped from the Pocahontas mines, each car

from the Pocahontas mines, each car averaging twenty-four tons, or 24,000,000 pounds, a large portion of which passes through here. The block system has through here. The block system has been abolished, and the trains now run at intervals of ten minutes. THE SOUTHERN HOPE.

This Southern Hope, a magazine published at the Democrat office by Mrs. E. R. Gilman, with the issue of this month announces its suspension, the editor "belleving that when our country is plunged in the miseries of war, it is not the time to continue a new enterprise." At the recent meeting of the Montgomery Presbytery Rev. Dr. H. H.
Hawes was appointed a member of the
former committee of the presbytery
to consider the feasibility of purchasins
Belmont Seminary, which is now unoccupied, with a view of establishing a
female school under the patronage of the
presbytery.

presbytery.

In the event of the founding of an orphanage by the Methodist Conference of Virginia, under the auspices of the Epworth League, this property has been spoken of by the promoters of the scheme as an ideal spot for such an institution.

On Thursday Rev. W. S. Royal left for Norfolk, to attend the session of the Southern Baptist Convention, now convened there. presbytery.

visit to her mother, Mrs. Jesse Parker,

Dr. T. R. Marshall, who came up to

vened there. Mrs. S. S. Lambeth left Friday for a

Miss Sallie Eubank has returned from a visit to Richmond, Charlottesville, and

Dr. T. R. Marshall, who came up to be present at the marriage of his sister, Miss Eva, to Mr. Snellings, of Mauchesster, returned Thursday to Richmond.

Mr. E. D. Gregory, who has been visiting in Richmond, has returned home.

The wife, two daughters, and two sons of Dr. J. B. Ross, of California, who has purchased property here, have arrived, and will take possession of the farm as a home.